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## WOMAN HELD FOR ACTION GRAND JURY

**Jennie Biecciar Charged  
With Violating Pro-  
hibition Law.**

## MADE TRIP TO BALTO.

**Woman Had Six Quarts of Whisky  
and Two Pints of Gin—Released on  
Own Recognizance.**

Acting on information furnished by the husband of the woman Jennie Biecciar was arrested at 7 o'clock last night by Policemen Grover on a charge of violating the provisions of the state prohibition law.

When carried to police headquarters a hand satchel which she had brought from Baltimore it was found contained six quarts of liquor and two pints of gin. The woman did not deny being guilty.

The accused, however, told Justice Thompson that her husband sent her to Baltimore for one quart of whisky, and that she used up her rent money and purchased the additional whisky and gin, realizing Baltimore soon would be dry. She also told the court that she wanted the whisky for medicinal purposes.

Justice Thompson told the woman he had no other alternative than to hold her for the action of the grand jury.

Afterward, however, she was released on her own recognizance to appear before the grand jury when wanted.

## GERMANS SINK MORE SHIPS

**War Vessels Not Surrendered to Allies Also Sent Down Weimar Reports**

Weimar, June 24.—The German warships which were not surrendered to the Allies and which have been anchored off Kiel, Wilhelmshaven and other points, have been sunk by German sailors manning them, according to a report received here from a reliable authority.

According to the reports there were 12 German war vessels, besides destroyers, which were in German waters, not having been turned over to the Entente under the armistice provisions.

## OUTLAW MURDER CASE UP.

**Selection of Jury to Try Edgar Morris Makes Slow Progress.**

Charlottesville, Va., June 24.—Judging from the slow progress made yesterday in selecting jurors to try Edgar Morris, former soldier and later an outlaw in Greene County, likely will take the whole of today's session of the Circuit Court to complete the panel of 12 from which to select a jury of 12 to try the young mountaineer charged with the murder of Magistrate Sullivan, shot down in his court room following a verdict against the young man in a misdemeanor case. The prisoner was accompanied in court by his father, George N. Morris, former deputy sheriff, and a number of his women relatives, who are standing loyally by the young man, despite the serious charge for which he stands indicted.

A large number of citizens accompanied the 78 witnesses for the prosecution and defense from Greene. It is rumored among the legal fraternity that the defense hopes to get Morris off on the plea of irresponsibility. Such a plea will be met with a strong showing in rebuttal by the prosecution that he is not only not of feeble mind but is a cunning and calculating chap, who has played the role of bad man in typical Far Western style.

## HOTEL BELVOIR CAFE

Special Merchants Lunch  
12.00 to 2.30 p. m.  
Popular Prices  
G. B. ASHBY, Manager

## TAKE DOWN HONOR COURT

**Columns Used During Jubilee Week  
Removed**

The court of honor erected on Washington street for the home coming of the soldiers was today taken down and carted away.

A big column of the court at King and Washington streets was struck late yesterday afternoon by a passing automobile and was about to topple. For the safety of pedestrians it was taken down and the remainder, as stated above, removed today.

## URGES BRITISH TO BORROW FROM U. S.

London, June 24.—Sir Henry Thornton, general manager of the Great Eastern Railway, has returned to London after a visit to the United States. Interviewed by the Daily Telegraphed, he said:

"America, has a tremendous amount of capital, and the interesting question arises: Why should not we have some of it? Why should we not use American capital for new commercial enterprises? A considerable portion will go into foreign fields for investment in any case and I know American financiers would prefer that it come here or to any part of the British empire. "Do not misunderstand me. I am not advocating what I may call the American power of industrial penetration. We must always retain the control and management of the various projects so capitalized."

## TWO BOYS DROWN

**One Eleven, the Other Seven, Seen to  
Tumble Overboard**

Phillipsburg, N. J., June 24.—LeRoy Smith, 11 years old and Joseph Benaek, 7 years old, both of Delaware Park, near here, were drowned yesterday afternoon when a boat they were rowing across the Delaware capsize and pitched them into the stream.

The Smith boy was able to swim slightly, but he tried before he could reach shore. The accident happened when the boys were in mid stream. William Shade, standing in the Jersey shore, saw them topple into the water and made an effort to reach their side, but was too late.

## GLASS HOST OF PESSON.

**Friendship to Brazil is Pledged at  
Dinner to President-Elect**

Secretary of the Treasury Carter Glass entertained president elect Pessoa, of Brazil, at dinner last night at the New Willard Hotel.

"Brazil and the United States are joined in an undertaking, to serve humanity," Secretary Glass said. "This unity of policy is the natural and logical outcome of the community of purposes and ideals that has characterized the development of these two great nations."

"During the period of his administration President Wilson has neglected no opportunity to strengthen the spirit of co-operation between the American republics. He convened the first Pan-American financial conference."

"The President has called the second Pan-American financial conference, which will assemble in Washington on January 12, 1920. I shall hope at that time to have the opportunity to confer with the ministers of finance, of the republics of this continent, and I am certain that I will derive great benefit from the interchange of experience and the discussion of plans for the solution of the new problems that have arisen."

Dr. Pessoa will leave Washington tonight for a short tour of the United States visiting Niagara Falls, Boston and other cities.

The President elect announced yesterday that upon assuming office he would institute policies to increase the good will and friendship now existing between Brazil and the United States. He deplored recent anti American propaganda being conducted in the Brazilian press.

Don't forget to see 20 years in "Sing Sing" tonight at the Grand Theatre.

PRESIDENT PACKS TRUNKS FOR HOME

Paris, June 24.—President Wilson's baggage was packed today and everything made ready for his departure for New York immediately after the signing of the treaty.

## WILL INVESTIGATE HIGH COST OF LIVING

**Committee Appointed at the  
Meeting of Chamber  
of Commerce.**

## TEN ON COMMITTEE

**Employees of Virginia Shipbuilding  
Corporation Present H. C. L.  
Problem to Joint Meeting.**

A joint meeting of the Civil and Retail Merchants' Bureau of the Chamber of Commerce held last night in the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce, presided over by R. E. Knight, chairman of the Retail Merchants' Bureau, the high cost of living in this city was the principal topic considered.

A delegation of employees of the Virginia Shipbuilding Corporation appeared before the meeting and complained of the alleged high cost prevailing here.

After a thorough consideration of the subject in which facts were given, a committee of ten was appointed for the purpose of making an investigation of the matter. This committee is composed of members from both bureaus together with a delegation of employees of the shipyard.

A report will be made by this committee at the next meeting of the Chamber of Commerce.

## ALLEGED DESERTION.

**Mrs. Eleanor Rayband Asks Court to  
Annul Her Marriage.**

Rockville, Md., June 24.—Mrs. Eleanor Bradley Griffith Rayband, of Washington, formerly Miss Eleanor Bradley Griffith, of Harper's Ferry, W. Va., has sued in the circuit court here for the annulment of her marriage to Edward R. G. Rayband, formerly of College Park, Md., which took place at Woodmont, this country, on January 18 last.

Leaving his bride a few hours after the ceremony with the understanding that he would join her at her home in "an hour or two," claiming to straightway forget that he had ever been through a marriage ceremony and soon afterward departing for Europe, where he is now said to be, without again laying eyes on his young wife, are some of the things charged against young Rayband in the bill filed in the case.

According to the bill, Rayband was connected with one of the foreign legations at Washington. He had, the bill sets forth, been paying marked attention to Miss Griffith for a long time, and, under present urging, finally succeeded in gaining her consent to become his wife.

The bill states that she learned that Rayband was in Europe and exchanged a number of letters with him. His letters, so the bill says, seemed to indicate that he was very much surprised to learn that they had been married, and repeatedly insisted that he had not the slightest recollection of anything of the kind happening.

## AIRSHIP KILLS CHILDREN.

**Pilot Crashes Into Trees to Avoid  
Crowd at Boston.**

Boston, June 24.—A bombing airplane piloted by Lieut. Co. H. B. Claggett struck and killed two children and injured another in landing at Franklin Field yesterday. Capt. William H. Chandler, observer of the machine, was slightly hurt. The plane, one of seven which arrived from Albany, N. Y., on the last leg of a flight from Dallas, Tex., was wrecked.

A large crowd gathered on the field to watch the landing. Coming down against the wind, Lieut. Col. Claggett saw his course was carrying him into the crowd. To avoid this he deliberately headed into a clump of trees. He did not see the three children, who were standing near the trees, until it was too late to change his course again.

The plane hit the three children and crashed into one of the trees. The pilot was not hurt, Capt. Chandler was taken to a hospital, where was said his injuries were not serious. The other planes landed safely.

## ALEXANDRIANS ATTEND

**Messrs. Herbert Graves and J. Thos.  
Watkins in London at Con-  
ference of Hydrographic  
Experts**

An international conference of hydrographic experts convened in London today, having for its object the charting of the trade waters of the world and the construction of aids to navigation therein.

Aside from a general interest in the important work of this meeting it is of interest locally by reason of the fact that two Alexandrians, Messrs. Herbert C. Graves and J. Thomas Watkins, represented the United States at the conference.

They were passengers on the Murratana and landed at Plymouth, England, June 20.

During their stay in England the members of the conference are the guests of the British admiralty.

Messrs. Graves and Watkins will make a short tour of the continent before returning home.

## MAY TRANSPORT LIQUOR

**Virginia Law, Judge Says, Does Not  
Make Unlawful Carrying  
Whisky Through Common-  
wealth**

Danville, Va., June 24.—Judge E. Walton Brown, of the Corporation Court, yesterday morning handed down a voluminous opinion on the case of the Commonwealth against Thams Cobbs, a negro, who was arrested here last March while piloting a roadster from Baltimore to Georgia, the machine containing 150 quarts of liquor.

Judge Brown holds that the shipment of ardent spirit from one State through the State of Virginia to another state, is not a violation of the Webb-Kenyon or the Reed bone dry law. He cites sections of the law, explains them, and also cites the case of the State of Virginia against Luchesi.

After reciting the facts in the Cobbs case, these being agreed to by the Commonwealth in order to eliminate the taking of evidences the court says:

"It, therefore, follows that, inasmuch as the agreed facts show that the liquor was not to be used in violation of the laws of this State, and there with the property of this State, the Webb-Kenyon law has no application and no effort to change the general rule that the State may not regulate commerce wholly interstate. The General Assembly of Virginia evidently recognized this limitation upon its power, for by the terms of the prohibitory law, which is very comprehensive and which has been several times amended, it is not expressly made unlawful to transport ardent spirits from without the State, through the State to another point without the State."

In discharging the accused negro from custody and exonerating him of any crime the court states further:

"It is true that this State of the law leaves open an avenue of evasion for bootleggers to ply their trade by automobile under the guise of interstate traffic through the State, and however much this situation is to be deplored, this case is decided as it must be on its particular facts. In cases of transportation by automobile it will not be sufficient for the defendant to claim that he is going through the State, for under the laws of Virginia, as in the Luchesi case, when the accused is found in the possession of more than one quart of ardent spirits he burden is upon him to prove that he intends to make, and at the time of his arrest was making, a continuous journey from a point without this State through this State to another point without this State. And it may be added if the evidences disclose that the liquor was intended by any person interested therein to be received, possessed, sold or in any manner used in violation of any provision of the prohibitory law of Virginia, such transportation, though interstate, would not be protected."

## CARD OF THANKS

I desire, to extend my sincere thanks for the sympathy offered me on the occasion of the death of my husband and also for the beautiful floral offerings sent, and I also desire to thank the Southern Railway machine for the automobiles loaned at his funeral.

Mrs. James S. Jeffries.

## GERMANS WILL SIGN TOMORROW

**No Reservations Will Be In-  
serted or Added in  
the Treaty.**

## YES OR NO, LAST WORD

**Huns Still Call It "Peace of Ven-  
geance"—Must Submit to Save  
That Which Is Salvable.**

Paris, June 24.—Germany will sign the peace treaty as it stands. Not a single written reservation will be inserted in, or added to the document. Her mental reservations, however, are many, the principal one which she signs under duress what she considers a "peace of vengeance," and that she does so "save what is salvable."

But she will sign, and sign unconditionally; that is the all-overshadowing point. The allies had demanded "yes" on "no" and "yes" was her final word.

It reached Premier Clemenceau less than two hours before the expiration of her time of grace after all her frantic efforts—requests, demands, threats and appeals—to secure further modifications, and further extension of time had crashed against the stone wall of front at Paris on which the "Tiger's" pen had written again and again "Yes or no."

Paris is wild with joy tonight and hungry for the word as to when the signature will take place. The "Big Four" are this moment trying to set the time. One report said to come from the council room says 8 o'clock tonight has been decided upon. Wednesday more likely, however. Everything is in readiness for the momentous President Wilson's baggage is packed. He intends to depart for America ceremony at Versailles.

Baron Sonnino, Italy's foreign minister will sign for his government.

The time of signing depends largely upon who will act for Germany. Latest word from Weimar is that Dr. Mathias Erzberger, vice premier in the Bauer cabinet, will come to Versailles as head of a new peace delegation. Count von Brockdorff-Rantzau and his entire delegation have resigned.

## FEDERATION OF LABOR

**About Half Million About to be Ad-  
ded to Organization**

Atlantic City, June 24.—The American Federation of Labor, at the closing session here yesterday of its annual convention pledged itself to obtain a general 44 hour week for workers in all crafts throughout the United States and for employees in the government service.

The demand was based on a determination to prevent unemployment, which the delegates declared is one of the two primary causes of industrial unrest.

The other cause is the decreased purchasing power of the dollar. Manufacturers and employers were urged to "bridge the gap" and increase wages without any controversy.

Samuel Gompers president of the federation, was greeted with a roar of cheers late in the day when he announced from the platform that three of the four great railroad brotherhoods—the engineers, conductors and trainmen—had applied for charters in the federation. The fourth brotherhood—the firemen—was meeting in Denver, he said, to consider a similar application.

If the firemen follow the example of the other brotherhoods, the ranks of the federation will be increased by 500,000 men.

Don't forget to see 20 years in "Sing Sing" tonight at the Grand Theatre.

## MASONIC NOTICE

There will be a called communication of Andrew Jackson Lodge No. 120 A. F. and A. M. at the Masonic Temple, Wednesday evening, June 25, at 7.30 o'clock to confer the E. A. and M. M. degree. All Master Masons are cordially invited. By order of the Worshipful Master.

J. E. Alexander, Secy.

## DIES OF TYPHOID FEVER

Gus A. Schenk, 57 years old, who was employed at the plant of the Virginia Shipbuilding Corporation, died this morning at the Alexandria Hospital of typhoid fever. The body was taken to Wheatley's mortuary chapel and prepared for burial. The deceased roomed at 314 Franklin street and he was a native of St. Louis.

## WILL PRESENT FARCE

**Seniors of Alexandria High School  
to Give Performance  
Tomorrow Night**

The public is cordially invited to attend the performance of "The Arrival of Kitty," to be presented by the Senior Class of the Alexandria High School tomorrow night at 8:15 p. m.

This is a farcial comedy in three acts and scarcely allows the spectator to recover from one laugh, before he is overwhelmed by another. The students have worked long and faithfully in order to present a pleasing performance to their friends and patrons.

The cast selected from the senior class follows:

William Winkler.....Alvin Friedlander  
Bobbie Baxter.....Thomas Kelley  
Benjamin Moore.....Herbert O'Meara  
Ting.....Hugh Marsh  
Aunt Jane.....Alameda Parks  
Jane.....Irene Manley  
Suzette.....Reba O'Neal  
Sam.....Everette Pohl  
Kitty.....Margaret Abramson

## GOOD ROADS DAY A PUBLIC HOLIDAY

**A Proclamation by the Governor of  
Virginia**

Whereas, The People of the United States of America will celebrate the one hundred and forty-third anniversary of our national independence on designated by law a public holiday in the Commonwealth of Virginia; and

Whereas, Any day, under authority of an Act of the General Assembly of Virginia, approved February 20, 1918, which is designated by the Governor as desirable to be observed as a holiday because of conditions incident to a state of war shall be considered as a public holiday; and Whereas, It is appropriate that on this one hundred and forty-third anniversary of our national independence an opportunity should be given the people of Virginia to celebrate, in a constructive way, the delivery of the world from the menace of German oppression, and to voice our thanks to Almighty God for the great victory He has given our arms; and Whereas, The building of good roads will make possible the proper economic and social development of the Commonwealth and contribute to the individual happiness and well being of our people; now

Therefore, I, Westmoreland Davis, Governor of Virginia, do designate Saturday, July 5, 1919, as well as the fourth day of July, a public holiday to be observed as such throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia and to be known as Good Roads Day; and I earnestly request the people of Virginia to assemble in their respective neighborhoods on that day to discuss the question of good roads, and the best ways and means of securing them, so that their views may be known to their representatives in the General Assembly, which is to convene in extraordinary session on Wednesday, August 13, 1919.

I ask that the people bring with them to these meetings on this day their teams, tools and materials with which to work the roads in their respective neighborhoods, and that all the citizens of Virginia devote this day—their holiday, and their personal labor, facilities, materials and means to the constructive service of goods roads of the economic and social advancement of our Commonwealth.

Given under my hand and under the Lesser Seal of the Commonwealth.

Westmoreland Davis,  
Governor.

## STANDARD GASOLINE 25c.

Open evenings and Sundays, Alexandria Auto Supply, 104 South Washington street.

149-3c. J. E. Alexander, Secy.

## HAPPENINGS ABOUT CITY TOLD IN BRIEF

There will be a meeting of Liberty Rebecca Lodge No. 10, at eight o'clock this evening at Odd Fellows Hall.

The regular semi-monthly meeting of the city council will be held tonight at which time a number of matters of importance will be up for consideration.

Joseph M. Pettit and others have sold to Charles F. Pettit their interest in the store and dwelling at the southwest corner of Pendleton and Patrick streets.

Mrs. Wilkins wife of Dr. R. Lee Wilkins, has entered the Episcopal Eye, Ear and Throat Hospital, Washington, where she will undergo an operation.

George Washington Lodge No. 19, Brotherhood of Railroad Carmen of America at its meeting held last night endorsed J. W. Collins, candidate for legislature.

If the owner of an automobile uses it for hire, or has used it for hire since January 1, the Government has levied a tax of from \$10 to \$20, according to seating capacity of said automobile. Returns for automobiles and all special taxes due July 1 should be made at once to G. Pickett, deputy collector.

## FLY 1,360 MILES

**Army Doctors Study Aerial Ambu-  
lance Project in Trip From  
Florida**

Three army surgeons recently made a successful flight from Florida to Washington, a distance of 1,360 miles in 18 1-2 hours.

This was the longest flight made by fliers of the medical corps, although a army surgeon had previously made a longer trip as a passenger.

The purpose of the trip was to imitate interest among officers of the medical department in flying in a hope of perfecting an aerial ambulance. The three planes, each carrying two passengers, were of the latest type with Hispano-Suiza motors. Major S. M. Strong, post surgeon of Carlstrom and Dorr aviation fields, was in charge of the flight.

A study of the physical and mental condition of the men making the flight, including their blood pressure and pulse, was made by Captain Timberman, flight surgeon. The air surgeons plan to pilot their planes back to Florida early next week.

## STRIKE OUT SEARCH CLAUSE.

**House Judiciary Committee Eliminates  
Section of Prohibition Enforcement  
Bill.**

Washington, D. C., June 24.—The provision of the prohibition enforcement bill permitting search of private homes for contraband liquor when the warrant was sworn to by at least two credible persons was stricken out yesterday by the House Judiciary Committee. The system of search as provided in the espionage act was substituted.

Under provisions of the enforcement act as tentatively modified in committee, transportation of intoxicating liquors in automobiles, aircraft or other vehicles would prove an expensive undertaking if the owner is caught.

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## MASONIC NOTICE

There will be a called communication of Alexandria Washington Lodge No. 22 A. F. and A. M., Tuesday, June 24th, at 7 p. m. By order of W. M.

C. F. W. Walker,  
Secretary.

## EXCURSION

Reliance Fire Company No. 5  
Thursday, June 26 to Marshall Hall  
Boat leaves 10 a. m. 2.30 and 7 p. m.  
149-4c.